

Is First Negro Police Sergeant.



WILLIAM F. CHILDS

William F. Childs, the first negro in the United States to be promoted to the position of police desk sergeant, has been on the Chicago force eight years, and has done patrol duty out of the Woodlawn station seven years of that time. He was one of the first to take the civil service examination for policemen, and was assigned to the Stockyards station, where he remained a year. He has been assigned to duty at the Woodlawn station.

When asked last night what he thought of his promotion Childs said: "I do not care to say anything about it. It would be bad taste on my part to express myself before I receive official notice of my advancement."

He was born at Marion, Ala., in 1863, and is a graduate of Talladega college, Talladega, Ala. He came to Chicago in 1886. During his first four years here he was employed as storekeeper for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad dining car service at the Union station. He has been also assistant postmaster at Marion, and a sub letter carrier in Chicago. He is married, and lives at 6003 Vincennes avenue.